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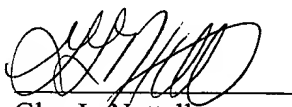
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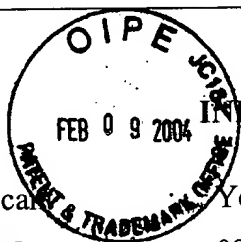
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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with eighteen (18) references.
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

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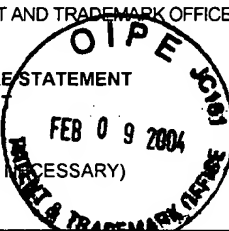
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